Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Experiments conducted at the Central Farm have shown that it is possible to increase the yield of paddy anything from 25 per cent to 50 per cent by the application of manure. The results of these experiments are demonstrated in the lands of the ryots in different centres of the State. A vigorous campaign in the manuring of paddy is conducted all over the State and people are advised to manure their crops with suitable manure. Government have also offered a subsidy of 25 per cent in the selling price of manure to enable the ryots to manure their crops. These measures are proving very effective. A selected kind of paddy, Cochin I (Chitteni) which gives an increase yield of 15 to 20 per cent is distributed among the cultivators and it has become popular with them.

(*b*) Experiments conducted in the Central Farm with the improved kind of Cochin I evolved by the Department show that an increased yield of 15 to 20 per cent can be obtained in Mundakan paddy lands. No experiments on drainage and irrigation have been conducted by the Department of Agriculture.

(*c*) The experiment was first conducted in the Government Central Farm, Ollukkara, and the seed was distributed among the ryots when it was found that an increased yield of 15 to 20 per cent can be obtained. The improved kind is now cultivated in different parts of the State.

COLLECTIONS MADE UNDER THE PORT ROADS CONTROL ACT AND CUSTOMS

129. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of collections made under the Port Roads Act ;

(*b*) the total amount of the customs collected ;

(*c*) the percentage of the customs collection that the State gets at present and the total amount of customs apportioned to the State and received in the years 1118 and 1119 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The amount of collections made under the Cochin Port Roads Control Act is.— Rs. 1,473—7—0 in the year 1118 (*i.e.* from 17th August 1942 to 16th August 1943) and Rs. 1,267—10—0 in 1119 (for the period from 17th August 1943 to 31st May 1944).

(*b*) Rs. 97,38,688—9—1 in the year 1941—42 and Rs. 1,60,45,528—1—11 in the year 1942—43.

(*c*) Under the Harbour Agreement, the State is to get 1/3 of the net customs revenue up to the first Rs. 63 lakhs+10 per cent of all excess over Rs. 63 lakhs+half share of the duty on Government stores.

The State's receipts of customs revenue were Rs. 24,49,289—11—9 for the year 1118 and Rs. 30,83,622—14—6 for the year 1119.

TERMINAL CHARGES—AMOUNT COLLECTED

130. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

The total amount of terminal charges collected at the Harbour Terminus Railway Station, in the years 1118 and 1119 todate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

The terminal charges are credited to the earnings of the Harbour Railway together with freight charges and separate figures are not readily available.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do the terminal charges come to us or is it divided in the pool ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is not in the pool. It is in the Harbour Railway.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it our railway, or their railway ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is their railway.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Then it must come necessarily in the Harbour Accounts.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It comes to the Harbour Railway which is owned by the port. It does not come in the pool for customs collection. The thing that is pooled is the customs revenue. This is quite distinct.

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS IN WILLINGDON ISLAND—OFFICE FOR REGISTRATION OF

131. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state the Registration Office where documents relating to transactions relating to immovable properties such as

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